and one NRI, based in United States, working as sourcing consultant;

(b) whether Government had received any reports from vigilance sources about the involvement of top Semiconductor Complex Limited functionaries in these financial misdemeanours and corrupt practics and what are the comments of the DOE on these findings;

(c) whether after the sack of the previous CMD, new procedural norms for purchase were enforced by DOE and Vigilance Wing and whether the present incumbent has been violating these with impunity; and

(d) whether any MoU has been signed between SCL and one Divergent Technologies of USA for revamping the SCL complex and if so, what are the credentials and technical capabilities of the latter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Complaints have been received against the Chairman & Managing Dirsector, Semiconductor Complex Ltd. (SCL), Mohali, alleging the involvement with a NRI based in the USA. The allegations are under verification.

(b) Yes, Sir. A report received from the Chief Vigilance Officer of the company is being examined.

(c) The Department of Electronics has not prescribed purchase procedure to the SCL.

(d) No MoU has been signed between the SCL and Divergent Technologies of USA for revamping the SCL Complex. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered into by both the parties in September, 1993 for acquiring multi-media capabilities by the SCL and for marketing VLSU|ASICS products in the USA.

Bomb blast in Jammu

1383. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed in the bomb blast in a bus at Jammu in the first week of December and what relief has been given to next to kin of killed and injured by Government; and

(b) what are the details and nationality of persons arrested in connection with the blast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) No such incident took place in Jammu during the first week of December '94. However, on 28-11-1994, an explosion took place in a passenger bus going from Jammu to Katra, in which 10 persons were killed and 44 were injured. On 30th November, blast occurred in another bus travelling to Jammu from Kathua, in which 15 persons were injured.

Ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1 lakh each was announced by the State Government in respect of persons who were killed, and Rs. 5,000|- for those who were injured.

Efforts are on to trace the culprits behind these bomb blasts.

Militants in custody in Jammu and Kashmir

1384. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants operating in the State of Jammu and Kashmir taken into custody during

the last two years alongwith the charges levelled against each arrested;

(b) the number of cases in which judicial proceedings were initiated and with what results; and

(c) the number of militants released without any trial during the period and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) According to information made available by the State Government, 3964 persons were arrested during 1993 and 1994 (upto 15.11.94) for various charges pertaining to involvement in terrorist related activities. Charge Sheets have been filed in 461 cases according to available information upto 30th June, 1994.

3700 persons were released during this period. The releases were made under Section 169 Cr. P.C., orders of bail by the competent Courts, parole, expiry|quashment of detention orders and on the basis of reviews and recommendations of the Screening Committee set up by the State Government.

Finalisation of policy for tiny sector

1385. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tiny sector plays a very vital role for the country;

(b) if so, whether Government consider it necessary to finalise a policy for the tiny sector; and

(c) if so, by what time such a policy is likely to be-finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposed policy is under consultation with various Ministries/ Departments, after which the policy will be finalised

DPE guidelines on formulation of objectives by PSUs

1386. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in terms of the DPE guidelines of 1979 and 1983, the Public Sector Undertakings were required to formulate Micro objectives for determining the precise financial and economic obligations of the undertakings in the matters of creation of various reserves, returns on capital employed, etc;

(b) if so, the Undertakings which have not so far framed such objectives, the reasons therefor and the time frame by which such objectives are sought to be framed;

(c) the manner in which the performance of such undertakings is being reviewed in the absence of such objectives; and

(d) the salient features of such objectives framed by the Public Sector Undertakings in terms of DPE guidelines of 1979 and 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. Framing the micro objectives and their updation is PSE specific and is a continuous process. In keeping with autonomy in functioning and as per new Industrial Policy Statement of July 1991 these are within the purview of the PSE management for enunciation and effective use. The performance of the PSEs including those where micro objectives are yet to be finalised are also reviewed periodically in the quarterly meetings in order to judge their performance under various counts.